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ABSTRACT

Project Oz is a not-for-profit special services agency providing drug education and crisis intervention services. Project Oz curricula provide compact and well-researched information for teachers, supplemented by student learning activities that reinforce the lecture portions of the topic. These activities are grade-appropriate and incorporate visual, tactile, kinesthetic, and auditory learning styles. This curriculum is the drug education component for grades 6 and 7. Inclusion is emphasized both for special education students and as an aspect of the school that means students attend their home school with their age and grade peers and that teachers work with each other and families to create a sense of community in the classroom. Adaptations have been made to the curriculum to increase inclusion in its broadest sense, as well as to increase the inclusion of special education students. This drug education curriculum for grades 6 and 7 consists of several distinct elements that have been selected and arranged to give students factual information and the skills to cope with the pressures and issues that come with drug use issues. This volume focuses on factual information about drugs and AIDS. The following chapters are included: (1) "The Development of a Curriculum for Inclusive Classrooms"; (2) "Introduction"; (3) "Overview of Drugs"; (4) "Alcohol"; (5) "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome"; (6) "Helping Children of Alcoholics"; (7) "Tobacco"; (8) "Marihuana"; (9) "Inhalants"; (10) "Cocaine"; (11) "Steroids"; and (12) "AIDS." An accompanying volume contains a life skills development component to increase resistance to drug use. (SLD)